

FIRE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This class encompasses positions in the fire suppression line, the major duties of which are driving or tillering fire equipment to and from the scene of a fire or emergency and operating pumps or other equipment at the emergency scene. Fire Equipment Operators may also form part of the fire attack and suppression team when not engaged in operating fire equipment. Work is physically strenuous and often hazardous and requires continuous practice and training on the part of employees. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Captain and employees of this class work directly under and have work reviewed by the Fire Captain in charge of an assigned fire company.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Drives or tillers fire equipment to the scene of a fire or emergency; positions pumper to supply water to the hose lines; connects pumper to source of water supply as needed and lays supply lines; connects and disconnects hoses.

Operates pump to build or increase water pressure to supply adequate pressure at the nozzle; monitors all gauges and performs any calculations required to make necessary adjustments to equipment; operates all equipment carried by the pumper.

Performs duties as part of the fire attack and suppression team when not engaged in operating pump or other equipment.

Performs routine service and maintenance on fire department apparatus and equipment, including cleaning apparatus after use and seeing that necessary equipment is in working condition and replaced on apparatus as required.

Assists lower ranking employees in required maintenance of fire stations and grounds.

Participates in drills and training exercises as required by the department.

Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

After offer of promotion, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which will be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must possess a valid Louisiana driver's license.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Firefighter immediately preceding closing date for application to the board.

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